

of peace and love. Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of God, in which the wounds which have been inflicted by fate and by man upon his fellowman shall be healed, where happiness and peace shall reign.

We, too, my friends, long for this Kingdom. But do not let us idly yearn for it; let us work for it, and without doubting there will in reality be such a Kingdom. Shall we reap the seed which we have sown? I do not know. But I do know that it will some time be harvested. That is our faith, our hope. Surely the truth will at last be triumphant, and in spirit we send greetings to that distant future, and say with the poet:

Greetings to you, Blessed Day, when the dreams  
of truth shall come true;

When freed from idle desire and hatred, Peace  
shall reign over the wide earth.

Long have we waited for thy coming,  
Let the Great Day break upon our sight.

## BOOKS

### AN AUSTRALIAN INDICTMENT OF ENGLISH CIVILIZATION.

**The Old Roof-Tree.** By "Ishbel" [Mrs. Fred Martin]. London. Longmans, Green & Co. 3s. 6d.

"The Old Roof-Tree" stands for the impressions of an Australian in the mother-land. The writer, Mrs. Fred Martin, gained some vogue in this country by her earlier books, "The Silent Sea" and "An Australian Girl." The older countries often resent as crude, the criticism of younger ones, much as a grown-up person has been known to resent the inconvenient candor of a 10-year-old. But Mrs. Martin is not crude. To the charm of a rarely finished style she adds wide knowledge of literature and life, both British and Continental.

The book is cast in the form of letters from Ishbel to her brother Mark. At first (it is August) only the pleasant features impress the visitor. Gradually (with the shading of autumn into winter) she becomes more and more profoundly impressed with the social injustices upon which the oldest and ripest civilizations are based.

Picture after picture passes before us. The venerable cathedral town, with the starved girl ending her miseries with the laudanum bottle within sound of the cathedral bells, and on the next page the dean's wife whose utmost worry hangs on an unsettled question of precedence at dinner. And all looked at through those clear Australian eyes that will look beyond the veil of convention which is thicker in an old country than in a young one.

Ishbel passes through a stage of despair, wondering 'mid all this social confusion whether this

can be indeed a world forsaken to our own devices. When hope does come back to her it is only through a realization that other forces are at work among the increasing number of those in all sections of society who are awakening to the truth that the continuance of the present social conditions means the deterioration and the ultimate ruin of the race, be these conditions in England or anywhere else.

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### LYBARGER'S TARIFF TALK.

**The Tariff. What It Is. How It Works. Whom It Benefits.** Protection, Revenue, Free Trade. By Lee Francis Lybarger of the Philadelphia Bar, and author of "Land, Labor, Wealth." Published by L. F. Lybarger, 408 Betz Building, Philadelphia, Pa. Price 25 cents.

Mr. Lybarger has a happy faculty of thinking aloud so that others can think with him, and interestingly so that they will wish to. It is very taking, and this book is an excellent example. A heart to heart and head to head talk, it makes abstractions concrete and arguments alive. With the sophisms of protection it deals in a way that shows them to be self-destructive.

It was as a senior at high school that this dyed-in-the-wool and Pennsylvanian protectionist became a free trader. He did it quite unexpectedly by the simple process of using his mind. He had always believed protection necessary, but never knew why, and when in preparation for a school debate he looked for a why in the authorities he couldn't find any. So he decided to startle the school with a why of his own, and set out upon a search for it. To his amazement and chagrin, however, he discovered not only that protection isn't necessary but that free trade is.

In the course of his intensely interesting book of only 180 small pages, Mr. Lybarger demolishes the "infant industries" argument, exposes the "foreigner pays the tax" flim-flam, and shows that tariffs for revenue and for protection are destructive each of the other. In this righteous work he gets a grip upon the reader's interest which is comparable only to the convincing effect it must have upon the reader's mind.

## BOOKS RECEIVED

—**Laws of the State of Illinois, enacted by the Forty-sixth General Assembly.**

—**Socialism as an Incubus on the American Labor Movement.** By J. W. Sullivan. Imprint: The Volunteer Press Print, 38 Cooper Square, New York. Price 50 cents.

—**The Seven That Were Hanged.** By Leonid Andreieff. The Tucker Series. Published by A. C. Fifield, 44 Fleet st., E. C., London. Sold by Edwin